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Subject: Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop in Michigan

Meg Mering and I gave the SCCTP Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop on Nov. 1-2, 2005 in Lansing, Michigan. The workshop was sponsored by the Michigan Library Consortium and was attended by 11 students - 9 in the room with us and 2 by teleconferencing from the Upper Peninsula.

Neither one of us had experience with teleconferencing, so we weren't quite sure what to expect. There were some problems initially in setting up the connection, but once the technical folks got it set up, it worked well. We could see and hear them and they could see and hear us. The first day we had their camera on the screen for the PowerPoint presentation almost exclusively, but the second day they figured out how to rotate the camera so they could see us when we were answering questions, etc. We did lose connection a few times, but we realized it right away and were able to reconnect and go on with the session.

There were varying levels of serials cataloging experience in the group, but everyone seemed interested in the sessions and I think they learned a lot. I took a quick look at the evaluations before turning them in and they were all very positive. In response to the question about what they would have liked to have covered more, several people indicated electronic serials.

We have a few corrections for the slides and the instructor's manual.

Session 3, slide 7 - Need period at the end of the first 500 note.

Session 3, slide 12 - Need space between "supplying" and "a" in instructor notes as printed from one large file (ads-instr-050908.pdf).

Session 4, slide 20 - The 1st annual report was published 1981. A note says a different title was published 1982-83. The 2nd annual report is qualified by 1983. It should be qualified by 1984 if the 1983 was a different title.

Session 4, slide 27 - I think "Use the established form of the corporate body's name as a qualifier" should come before "Note: When the name of a corporate body used as a qualifier changes ..."

Session 6, slide 29 - Take off "NEW" (since we took it off the other slides in an earlier round of revisions).

Session 7 - Add somewhere that the new title should be compared with the 245, not with a 246 for major/minor change decisions. I had added to slide 7, but it could go a different place.

Session 7, exercises, #22 - The instructions should specify that State Superintendent of Public Instruction is a 410 on authority record for State Department of Education.

Session 8, p. 246, Answers, instructor's manual as printed from one large

file (ads-instr-050908.pdf) - Title 1 245 should be Life sciences rather than Life science.

I think that's it. Meg & I really enjoyed giving this workshop. The students were willing to participate in the discussions and had good questions. In addition to the workshop itself, we enjoyed the beautiful fall colors in Michigan. We were told that the trees were past their peak, but they were still magnificent. We also had a wonderful visit with Wen-ying Lu (who we all know as Lu). She works at Michigan State University and treated Meg & I to a marvelous dinner at a local Middle Eastern restaurant.

Renette